
Skyline Hideaway

Stanley, Virginia

Virginia Green is the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) initiative to promote pollution prevention (P2) practices in all aspects of the tourism and hospitality industry. **Virginia Green Lodging** is focused on the P2 opportunities within hotels, resorts, and other hospitality operations to be aware of their impact on the environment and to take steps to reduce these impacts. **Virginia Green** is a non-regulatory program, and participation is completely voluntary and free of charge.

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This custom-built log chalet is located on over 5 scenic, wooded acres near the Shenandoah National Park. The home features 3 bedrooms, 2 showers, and sleeps 7 comfortably.



CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Lodging

“☑” This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Virginia Green participants *self-certify* that these activities are in place, and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to the Skyline Hideaway can expect the following *green practices*:

☑ **Optional Linen Service.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day.

- House cleaners are trained on process of optional linen service
- Purchased water-/energy-efficient washers and dryers (www.energystar.gov)
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, and biodegradable laundry detergents
- We minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals whenever possible
- Use linen service providers that employ “wet” versus dry cleaning.

☑ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must provide guests the opportunity to recycle during their stay. Recycling should be highly visible to guests with clear signage. Participants are encouraged to have a comprehensive recycling program, subject to market availability, etc.

- Recycle: Plastic, Office Paper, Toner Cartridges, Cardboard, Packing Supplies, Fluorescent Lamps, Batteries, and Electronics.
- Tracking overall waste bills
- Purchase recycled-content toilet paper and paper towels
- Purchasing from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Using “green” cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- High-efficiency hand-dryers
- Purchase of “low-VOC” carpets and fabrics
- Latex paints
- Reuse of paint thinners and proper disposal of residuals
- Preventative maintenance of all appliances, HVAC, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimized use of pesticides and herbicides

☑ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping.

- We're tracking overall water usage and wastewater bills
- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- Water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- High efficiency dishwashers
- Use dry clean up methods over water-based methods

- Low flow toilets
- Effective landscape management plan
- Minimization of impervious areas
- Vegetative buffers around streams and ponds

☒ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives.

- Tracking overall energy bills and set a numeric goal to reduce
- Using high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in rooms and spotlights
- High efficiency heating & air conditioning and individual thermostats for each room
- Use of natural lighting
- Purchase EnergyStar computers and appliances
- Thermal-rated windows and insulation
- Use directional lighting in parking lots and outside areas
- Design and operation of buildings that are “LEED” certified
- Purchase of “Green Tags” or “Renewable Energy Certificates”
- Purchase of fuel-efficient vehicles

☒ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided.

For more information on Skyline Hideaway, see www.SkylineHideaway.com or email Pat Burns at SkylineHideaway@comcast.net.

For more information on *Virginia Green Lodging* program, www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen or go to www.viriniagreentravel.org.



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